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This extraordinary man, who should be judged by the customs of the age in which he lived, in order to prove his extraordinary faith in his troops, and his virtues, had one passion which, for outweighed all others,—namely, love for the chase. We remember reading in his historian Forster, that within one year he killed upwards of three thousand partridges with his own gun, without taking this other game into account in which the queen was the greatest sufferer, as she had to find him, according to a previous contract, in powder and shot gratis. When there was nothing for him to shoot in his own forests, he never doubted the invitations of his landed gentry to pay them a visit.

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But before we hear what happened further, we must give our readers a short notice of the character of this Baron Von Gundling, who stood as buffoon and jester to the court of Frederick William I., of Prussia, father of the great Frederick, and a man generally despised on account of his rough and frequently tyrannical manner, by his son afterwards more fortunate, —

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